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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: SIE-4: SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CAMPAIGN ALLEGING USE OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE BY THE US IN KOREA

#### THE PROBLEM

To indicate the scale and nature of the Communist psychological warfare campaign alleging use of biological warfare by the US in Korea, and to estimate the significance of this campaign in the light of other indications of Communist intentions.

#### QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. WHAT IS THE SCALE AND NATURE OF THE COMMUNIST PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CAMPAIGN ALLEGING USE OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE?

- A. Timing and volume.
- B. Relative emphasis by Chinese Communists, North Koreans, Soviets.
- C. Areas and media of dissemination.
  - 1. North Korea.
  - 2. China.
  - 3. Southeast Asia.
  - 4. South Asia.
  - 5. Japan
  - 6. USSR.
  - 7. European Satellites.
  - 8. Western Europe.

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D. Nature of attacks.

1. Regarding the US/UN issue and any other possible splits.
2. Relation to other propaganda issues.
3. Use of "evidence."

E. In ~~context~~ comparison to:

1. Previous propaganda in the Far East.
2. Previous use of similar themes elsewhere (e.g., potato bugs).

II. WHAT ARE THE FACTS CONCERNING DISEASE IN NORTH KOREA?

- A. The <sup>incidence</sup> ~~amount~~ of disease in comparison to 1951. Elsewhere than North Korea?)
- B. Efficacy of Chinese Communist and North Korean methods of treatment and the possibility of friction between them.
- C. Evidence of special precautions actually being taken.

III. WHAT IS THE CONTEXT OF THE CAMPAIGN?

- A. How is it interwoven with ~~xxx~~ other propaganda themes?
- B. Status of truce negotiations?
- C. Other indications of Chinese Communist intentions
  1. In Korea
  2. Elsewhere in the Far East.
- D. In world events
  1. Japanese Peace Treaty
  2. The Communist peace campaign.

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IV. WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN?

A. Propaganda value alone

1. Worldwide Communist sympathy
2. Relation to Communist parties
3. Hate America and split it from UN
4. Japanese Peace Treaty

B. Domestic purposes

1. Obscure inefficiency of medical services
2. Obviate friction between Chinese Communists and North Koreans (and Soviets?)
3. Bolster morale and inspire hate.

C. Propaganda preparation for breaking off of negotiations.

D. Propaganda preparation for an offensive

1. Korean air offensive
2. Korean air and ground offensive
3. Southeast Asia

5. Other

→ BW a) Capabilities  
plus and possible

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VI. POSSIBLE TACTICAL MANIPULATION OF CAMPAIGN

A. Trap idea

B. Use of Communist "investigating" groups

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